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LETTER DATED 11 JUNE 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring the following urgent issue to your attention.

The Islamic Republic of Iran is gravely concerned over the increasingly momentous reports of developments in southern Iraq which could seriously threaten the national security of the Islamic Republic of Iran on the one hand and further destabilize the entire region on the other. There are credible evidence that Iraqi army is preparing for a general mopping-up operation in the south and the south-east where close to 700,000 Iraqi citizens are contained. Under such circumstances, thousands of Iraqi citizens are feared to get killed while several hundred thousands may flee into Iran.

The Islamic Republic of Iran warns the international community in general and the Security Council of the United Nations in particular that its capacity to care for Iraqi refugees are stretched to the limit and, therefore, it is absolutely unable, with or without international humanitarian assistance, to attend to the needs of another influx of Iraqi refugees. The Islamic Republic of Iran calls upon Your Excellency and the Security Council to adopt immediate measures to avert the risk of recurrence of another tragic incident for Iraqi population and the region as a whole.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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